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## SCFC unites with ArborGen on Taylor Nursery reboot

*Customers to see infrastructure improvements, increased production at the agency's tree nursery*

TRENTON, S.C.—The South Carolina Forestry Commission has entered into a partnership with commercial forestry seedling provider ArborGen, which will provide management services to operate the agency's 60-year-old tree nursery in Edgefield County.

The collaboration represents a unique public-private partnership in which ArborGen will use Taylor Nursery as a production facility for its portfolio of seedling genetics while the Commission will retain ownership of the property. As part of the arrangement, ArborGen will also make a substantial investment in modernizing the nursery's equipment and infrastructure, including irrigation systems, storage coolers, and seeding and harvesting equipment.

The facility and its seedlings will undergo a co-branding effort as part of the deal, and the Forestry Commission will determine seedling production goals – up to 5 million – for South Carolina landowners, who are eligible to receive discounts on orders up to 100,000 seedlings.

"We're very excited about this association with ArborGen, which is known globally as a leader in the research, development and delivery of advanced-genetic seedlings," said SCFC Resource Development Director Tim Adams. "In addition to expanding seedling production through capital improvements, this partnership will also strengthen service delivery and long-term viability of the Forestry Commission's nursery and tree improvement program."

ArborGen will assume responsibility for operation of Taylor Nursery effective April 1, 2018.

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### The South Carolina Forestry Commission

*In addition to being recreational hotspots for hiking, biking, hunting, camping and horseback riding, the Commission's state lands are demonstration forests for ecological responsibility and productivity. The state's second-largest manufacturing industry in terms of jobs and wages, forestry generates a \$21 billion impact on South Carolina's economy. For more information, please visit [www.trees.sc.gov](http://www.trees.sc.gov).*

### ArborGen

*Headquartered in Ridgeville, S.C., ArborGen is the largest global supplier of tree seedling products and the leading provider of advanced genetics for the forest industry. Employing state-of-the-art research, ArborGen is developing high-value products that significantly improve the productivity of a given acre of land by enabling our customers to grow trees that yield more wood per acre with greater consistency and quality in a shorter period of time. For more information, please visit our website at [www.arborgen.com](http://www.arborgen.com).*



Taylor Nursery's customers stand to benefit most from the partnership between the Forestry Commission and ArborGen. Not only will landowners see increased production and greater selection variety, but also enhanced customer service.